

H.R. 6837, No TikTok on Department of Homeland Security Devices Act
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on March 2, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 6837 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prohibit the use of TikTok on and remove the application from the department’s information technology systems and devices. TikTok is a social networking application that allows users to create and share short videos.

Several federal laws, regulations, and policies prohibit the use of government property for unauthorized purposes. H.R. 6837 would expand those prohibitions at DHS to include TikTok or any successor service provided by its developer. Some federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, have already banned TikTok from their devices. Using information from those agencies, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6837 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2022-2026 period for DHS to develop the guidelines and for component agencies to comply with the new restriction. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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